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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/765,011	Applicant(s) ANDERSON ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-24, 26-36, 38-44 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atkins (US Patent No. 4,953,085).

As per claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-24, 26-36, 38-44 and 46, Atkins discloses a system and method for the operation of a financial account. The system and method comprise collecting at a computer financial transaction data from a plurality of financial services for a plurality of users as Atkins teaches setting up a financial account, namely, a HOPE account for one or more client. The HOPE financial account includes consolidating various types of the user's other accounts, including purchases and expenses made from the other various accounts of that client. Atkins also teaches transmitting at least daily said financial transaction data for said plurality of users from said computer to a database accessible from a server (see column 7, line 2 to column 8, line 23). Particularly, Atkins states:

"Through the system of the invention financial services and products can be automatically received and dispensed within the HOPE account framework. For example, withdrawals, deposits and transfers may be made, securities, commodities and debt instruments may be purchased, sold and

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transferred in and out of the account, financial agreements such as insurance and annuity contracts and policies may be purchased or sold within the framework of the HOPE account, the agreements, contracts and policies purchased may be transferred to safekeeping accounts monitored within the HOPE account system, a wide variety of different types of credit facilities and loans may be advanced to clients of the HOPE account and proceeds from credit facilities and loans received outside the framework of the HOPE account may be transferred to the account for use in the acquisition of other assets".

"The HOPE general and personal information file 252 contains personal information on each client such as name 260, home and work address 262, home and work telephone number 264 and past credit history 266. The HOPE asset information file 254 contains all the data regarding each client asset and asset account which is part of the HOPE account. Each asset is described according to a variety of data including the type of asset 255, asset identifying information 257 (e.g. policy numbers, bank and bank account number), how it can be accessed 259 (e.g. bank or financial institution routing and transit numbers), the current value of the asset 261 and projected future value of the asset 263".

Atkins also teaches prompting one of said plurality of users for an account number and requesting from said database financial transaction data for said account number and presenting said financial transaction data for said account number to said one of said plurality of users as Atkins states at column 9, line 66 to column 10, line 23:

"The I/O ports 242 provide the means for communications with the client, networks and other financial systems and services 242. For example, the system may connect to a network to access news or financial information such as stock prices, or communicate with a brokerage firm for the processing of a transaction. The client, through a terminal at the financial institution's office 224, 226 or through a personal computer with a modem located in the client's home 222, may communicate with the system to inquire about the status of his account, check news or financial information, or initiate a transaction".

Atkins further states on column 10, lines 55-58:

"For example, a file is provided for each client for the storage of system reports issued to that client 292. The reports are then accessible only by that particular client".

The system and method of Atkins performs as an OnLine system and method. The only difference between Atkins and the claimed invention is that Atkins is not

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explicitly stated that a user may access their particular account via a website or a browser. However, Atkins states that a user accesses these data remotely and customers's account data are retrieved from remote files for incorporated into the HOPE account. See columns 9 and 10 of Atkins. Atkins also states that through their system, a user or client may access news or financial information via CompuServe which is a web enabling system as Atkins states:

“Through the system of the invention the client can also access a host of ancillary investment news, information, advice, and counseling. In particular, a client can access a current news and information data base such as Dow Jones News Retrieval.TM., The Source.TM. and Compuserve.TM” See column 9, lines 8-13.

From these teachings or suggestions, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Atkins and provides such as a web enabling system so that users may have access of their account information from anywhere in the world.

Atkins teaches creating and presenting to their clients a report comprising financial transaction data as Atkins states:

“The system of the present invention can provide the client periodic account activity reports that clearly display the details with regard to each transaction conducted within the account such as a purchase and sale of securities, withdrawal or deposit of cash, acquisition of annuities, insurance policies and access to one or more types of credit facilities. The client's earnings can be categorized and summarized according to interest, dividends, asset disposition, or wages. Every transaction executed, for example, on a debit or credit card would be entered in the HOPE monthly account statement so that an accurate ongoing list of expenses and the type of expenses will be presented automatically to the client at

the end of every month and a detailed summary would be presented at year end for assistance in preparing personal tax returns".

See column 8, lines 11-64.

2. Claims 3, 10, 17, 25, 37 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atkins (US Patent No. 4,953,085) in view of Quicken by Intuit.

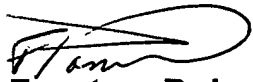
As per claims 3, 10, 17, 25, 37 and 45, Atkins does not explicitly state transmitting the financial transaction data to an accounting software package at the one of the plurality of user's computer. Atkins however teaches that a user may access and download their account file in their computer system. Quicken by Intuit is a software package which allows a user to download financial information therein. The user or client transmitting their account file to an accounting software file such as Quicken would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in order to allow the client or user to instantly organize their financial information.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached at (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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